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1. On 15 September 1950 it was learned at the Potsdam (N 53/4 63) Polizeipraesidium (city police headquarters) that all VP units of Land Brandenburg were in a state of alert at that time. The reason for this could not be learned. The VP sentries at government buildings were relieved by civilian guards of the Betriebschutz (industrial police) on 15 September 1950.
2. On 24 September 1950 it was learned that the VP Bereitschaften in the Petersberg Kaserne and the Menne Kaserne, Erfurt (L 51/J 36) had been alerted for about two weeks. It was said that the personnel of the units were restricted to an area up to a five-kilometer circumference.
3. On 27 September 1950 the East Berlin VP Headquarters ordered the SED employees' group of the Deutsche Aussenhandels-gesellschaft (DAHA) to furnish reliable party members to reinforce the night patrols of the Volkspolizei in seven-day turns, starting that day and probably ending by 11 October 1950. \*

Comment. Several reports stated that VP units were placed under alert about 15 September 1950 and usually expressed the belief that the alert was to eliminate any western propaganda against the elections on 15 October 1950 and to intimidate oppositional elements.

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